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## LOVED MANKIND

The Life of the Philanthropist  
and Patriot.

HE DEDICATED HIMSELF TO THE  
NOBLE WORK OF LIGHTENING  
THE BURDEN OF THE  
WEAKER BROTHER.

The Memory of William Wilson Corcoran Should be Green for Aye in Every True Columbian Heart.

William Wilson Corcoran was pre-eminently a self-educated and self-made man. Born in Georgetown in 1798, in a house which still stands on the north side of what was then Bridge street, between 31st and 32d, he inherited little else from his parents but a strong constitution, an unusually keen intellect, and the blood of a family that traced its gentility back for centuries. Mr. Corcoran's father, Thomas Corcoran, Esq., was one of the most prominent citizens of Georgetown, a man who was nothing if not intellectual, and one of the thirteen original corporators of Columbian University, appointed by act of Congress, February 9, 1821.

His education was such as the city of Georgetown then afforded; but was conducted under the careful supervision of his father, a gentleman unusually well-read and of much sound judgment. The ability of the son to read and quote at length the ancient Latin worthies, which he did with facility even after his eightieth year, not only indicated the result of his father's intelligent tuition but showed his remarkable memory, one of his most striking characteristics.

In his early life Mr. Corcoran kept with his brother a general dry goods house in Georgetown, which was then a port of entry of no mean size, if it be judged by the number of ships entering and clearing port. The enterprise was unsuccessful and the firm of Corcoran & Corcoran failed; but as illustrative of the integrity of the subject of this brief biographical sketch, every dollar of indebtedness that had been incurred by the firm, was subsequently paid in full and with interest up to the time of liquidation, upon terms that reflect no little credit upon the firm. The creditors of Corcoran & Corcoran were Balti-

more, Philadelphia, and New York merchants, and the offer of these gentleman to accept fifty cents on the dollar was not only accepted and satisfied, but in years after Mr. Corcoran paid in full the original indebtedness with interest up to cancellation upon the unpaid debt. And this little incident is characteristic of his methods of conducting business during his life.

Subsequent to this, during the years 1828 to 1836 he was in charge of the real estate of the United States Bank of this city; afterwards a banker, from 1837 to 1840, and then later a member of the banking firm of Corcoran & Riggs. It was as a

The war loans of the Government during the Mexican War had been hawked all over the United States, but were a drug upon the market—they met with little or no sale. It is true that this may have been due not so much to lack of confidence in the Government as to the fact that the war was not a popular one, save in one section of the country, yet in this section, too, the bonds went begging. While the Government was becoming more and more embarrassed by the failure of the public to support its bond issue, Mr. Corcoran, then nothing more than a banker in the little city of Washington, offered to float the bonds and advertised that

ential support of George Peabody, Esq., banker. Forthwith the bonds were offered for sale in England, met with a large list of buyers, and then, when their popularity in England was learned of here, they were bought with avidity. The Government of the United States was extricated from an embarrassing and delicate situation. George Peabody, Esq., added much to his already large fortune and Mr. W. W. Corcoran became a wealthy man. By judicious investment in real estate in this city he increased his wealth many fold—a wealth which he did not hoard up for "moth and rust to corrupt and thieves to break through and steal," but a wealth which Washington, more than the members of his own family has reaped the benefits.

Such, in short, is a brief sketch of the man, who, more than any other individual, has contributed to the support of COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY. He nursed it at its birth, nourished it during its infancy, and supported, fostered and guided Columbian during its latter years. He saw before his death the institution grow from one department to six; from a score of students to over a thousand. And his support has not been always financial—the University has had, too, the benefits of his keen perception, wonderful accuracy of judgement, and wholesome and ever unselfish advice. For twenty years from 1869 to 1888, the date of his death, he was a trustee of the institution, and during this same period, president of the corporation. Estimating the value of the University's property at \$1,000,000, as given in the catalogue, we find that William Wilson Corcoran has presented the institution with endowments aggregating almost one-fifth of this entire amount. In 1865 he presented to the College (as it was then known) a building for the medical school, valued at \$30,000. In 1872 he offered an estate near the city on condition that \$100,000 additional should be raised for a permanent endowment. The required sum was obtained, and the estate thus donated was subsequently sold (in 1885) the University realizing \$85,000 from it. In 1883 he gave \$30,000 toward the cost of the new University building, and in 1886 he added \$25,000 to the endowment fund. The \$100,000 secured, as mentioned above, form, with Mr. Corcoran's numerous and generous gifts the present endowment



WILLIAM WILSON CORCORAN.

From the Original Painting by CHARLES L. ELLIOTT, 1867.  
In the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

member of this firm, during a period of fourteen years, from 1840 to 1854, that he demonstrated his remarkable ability as a financier, and during the period of the Mexican war he stands distinct and alone as the only banker in the country who had sufficient confidence in the integrity of the Government to back its loans. His personal letters, from the high functionaries of State at that time, indicate not only how great was the dependence the Government placed in him, but also that he was in close relations with the Executive Department who looked to him for advice and assistance in other matters than finance.

they would be paid at the banking house of Corcoran & Riggs. Immediately after the acceptance of his offer by the Government, Mr. Corcoran hastened to New York City and appealed to the bankers there, not only on grounds of patriotism but presented to them that the undertaking had its business attractions—bold perhaps, but yet safe and carrying with it every prospect of great gains. The New York bankers would have nothing to do with the movement. "They would not touch the Government bonds with a ten-foot pole." And so Mr. Corcoran hastened immediately to England, where he secured the immediate and influ-

of the University. Mr. Corcoran was a close and dear friend of President Welling.

His generosity was not confined exclusively to Columbian, for the College of Washington and Lee, in a less measure it is true, also received material support from this generous character.

He founded, too, the Corcoran Gallery of Art with an endowment of \$1,000,000; the Louise Home, which is supported entirely by his endowment and was builded from his gifts; and it was he who donated to the city the ground now occupied by the Oak Hill Cemetery.

His name will ever be indissolubly linked with that of the University, and if the gratitude, which cools soonest of all passions, for his magnanimity fails, his memory will be kept green by the Corcoran Scientific School in whose honor it was named. He was a patron of the Arts, Sciences and learning—as good as he was kind, as kind as he was great and—“His life was gentle and the elements So mixed in him that Nature might stand up And say to all the world, ‘This was a man’”

V. L. MASON.

#### *Scientific Department.*

Considerable complaint is made by the students of the Scientific Department with reference to the lighting facilities afforded for class room work. The complaint is not due so much to the fact that students suffer no little inconvenience from the poor facilities, but it has resulted and is now producing much ocular trouble. These remarks apply more to the room in which the German classes are held than possibly to any other, excepting the Mineralogical Laboratory. It is not infrequent to see students enter the German class who have always prided themselves upon their strong eyesight, who considered their eyes their strongest members, and yet before the term is over to see them forced to wear glasses. The German script and miserable light is a combination sufficient to destroy any eyesight. The suggestion has been made that it would be an absolute saving to the University if one Welsbach burner was placed in the German class room and the other three burners entirely extinguished. There is absolutely no question that the light would be far superior and the cost much less; and the cost would even be less if all of the burners were provided with Welsbach lights as it the unanimous testimony of all merchants of the city, that the Welsbach actually saves money and more than pays for itself.

Of course electric light would be the ideal form of illumination; but the students do not ask this—they simply request that in those rooms where the light is so notoriously poor as to be a source of injury to the eyesight, that better lights be provided whether Welsbach, electric, or what not.

## WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

### WILL BE THE OCCASION FOR ANOTHER PUBLIC DEBATE.

*In Which Six Young Men of the Law School Debating Society Will Tell All They Know of the Nicaragua Canal.*

Febrary 22d, the birthday of the father of his country, is the time set for the third of the public debates which the law school debating society is making so popular this year. The hall will be decorated in a manner in keeping with the patriotic character of the day, and it is a subject thoroughly American that the debaters will discuss beneath the stars and stripes and festoons of bunting. The subject for debate is: “Resolved, that the United States should aid in the construction of, and should control the Nicaragua Canal. The affirmative of this question will be maintained by Messrs. W. H. Gray, H. B. Gram, and J. L. Cousar, and Messrs. Francis Nye, T. N. Greer and J. L. Thomas, will appear in the negative.

The merits of the work of these gentlemen will be passed upon by Prof. W. A. Maury, Prof. A. F. Craven and Hon. John McPhaul, who have kindly consented to act as judges. Mr. W. H. Coleman and Mr. Jno. M. Spellman have charge of the decorations and Mr. Chas. S. Shreve, jr., of the music.

It has been the pleasant duty of the CALL to record the success of the two public debates given by the debating society this winter. The preparations made indicate that the third debate will be even more successful than the two that have preceded it, and the CALL assures its readers that those who attend will enjoy an entertaining and profitable evening.

The case for the affirmative will be opened by Mr. Walter H. Gray. Mr. Gray was born at Nonjemoy, Charles county, Maryland, on the 25th of November, 1866, whence



MR. WALTER H. GRAY.

his parents moved in 1869 to a farm near Port Tobacco, in the

same county. And it was on the farm, which has been the training place of so many men of whose pluck, energy and ability, America is justly proud, that Mr. Gray spent his boyhood days, gaining his education at the country school house, and developing in the country lyceum his insatiable desire for the contests of the debating hall.

At the age of twenty-five Mr. Gray came to Washington to engage in business, and in the fall of 1894 entered the junior class of Columbian Law School. Though Mr. Gray comes from an old Maryland family that is a firm believer in the principles of Jeffersonian democracy, he apparently considers that the precedent established by Jefferson in purchasing Louisiana, justifies him in relaxing the strict rules of his party, and maintaining the right of the government to take charge of the Nicaragua Canal.

The man who is expected to check and put to rout this first onset of the affirmative, is Mr. Francis Nye. One of Mr. Nye's chief characteristics, his modesty, is shown by the very meagre account of his life with which we have had to content ourselves. The Columbian class-book of '95 tells us that: “Francis Nye was born May, 7, 1870, in Washington, D. C., and is 13th cousin of the half blood



MR. FRANCIS NYE.

of ‘Bill.’ Is a graduate of the Washington High School and of the College of Commerce, is a stenographer by profession, and expects to combine with it the practice of law, though his plans are not definitely settled. Was elected member of the executive committee of class of '95.” Mr. Nye is now employed as private secretary to Commissioner Ross and is vice president of the post graduate class.

Francis Nye has the quiet unostentatious bearing that is characteristic of so many men of ability. He is a thorough methodical worker, and may be depended upon to make an argument that will give his opponents much trouble.

The second speaker for the affirmative is Mr. Harvey B. Gram. As will be seen by his biography he may

be called the “scholar in debate.” He may in future become the “scholar in politics.” Mr. Gram, like many of Ohio's favorite sons, was born on a farm in the Buckeye State, November, 24, 1869. Having finished the work in country and graded schools, he graduated from the High School in 1889. He continued his study while teaching in the public schools, and successfully completed a four year's course in the Ohio Teachers' Reading Circle. Mr. Gram



MR. HARVEY B. GRAM.

then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he finished his general school education by taking a course in College. On graduation, he found employment in a railroad office, and was engaged upon that work when he was appointed to a clerkship in the War Department, in 1893. In the fall of the same year Mr. Gram entered the Columbian Law School, and two years later received the degree of L. L. B. He is now a member of the post graduate class and expects upon graduation to enter on the practice of his profession.

Mr. Thos. N. Greer, the second speaker for the negative, can claim with Messrs Gram and Gray of the affirmative, the distinction of being born on the farm, and his birth place was a farm on the borders of the sunny south land, where orators seem to inherit as a birthright a fluency and firey impetuosity of speech. Mr. Greer possesses these qualities



MR. THOS. N. GREER.

large measure, and may be expected to make a vigorous presentation of his side of the case.

Mr. Greer is a member of the senior class, and was born on a farm near Shelbyville, Tennessee on the 13th of June, 1875. His first schooling was received in the Public schools,

and Academy of Shelbyville. At the age of fifteen he entered the Winchester Normal College at Winchester, Tennessee, and after three years' work entered college. He took great interest in the work of the debating society of which he was a member, serving as its vice president and representing it as public orator and on several occasions as speaker upon public debates. On coming to Washington to take a position in the Weather Bureau, Mr. Greer entered the Columbian Law School. He has continued to take an interest in debating societies, and served during the first half of the present term as secretary of the society which he is now to represent in public debate.

The men holding the last two places on the debate are the juniors, and are consequently not so well known as the speakers who are to precede them. They have however, already shown their mettle in debate and in the strife of class organization.

Mr. James Louis Cousar was born near Oxford, Mississippi, November 15, 1875. He lived and worked on the farm in Mississippi until he was fifteen, when he moved with his father to Arkansas. He taught in summer, and went to school in winter, gaining for himself the best education the common schools of Arkansas afforded. To get better opportunities for education, Mr. Cousar came to Washington in 1893, and entered the scientific department of the Columbian University. He began the study



MR. J. LOUIS COUSAR.

of law in 1895. Mr. Cousar has taken a leading part in the enterprises of his class and is considered a representative junior. He was treasurer of the debating society during the first term.

The man who is to sum up the case for the negative, and make the closing speech in the debate is Mr. John L. Thomas, Jr., Mr. Thomas was born April 16, 1867, at Hillsboro, Jefferson County, Missouri. After acquiring a common school education at the High school of De Soto, Missouri, he took a special commercial course in the Missouri State University. After completing this course, Mr. Thomas was engaged in the mercantile business for some time,

and was afterwards employed in the transportation department of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad. This position he resigned in order to take the law course in Columbian. Mr. Thomas is a Democrat, but of what persuasion administration, high tariff or free silver, he has failed to specify,

#### *Th' Doin's of Andy Rein.*

Th' Deacon's datter, 'Liz'buth Jane, Druv a blue bull colt, called Andy Rein—Leggy brute, w'th a flea-bit hide, One white eye, 'n' a scar on his side. She'd hook him up to 'n' ol' road cart, 'N' scramble in 'n' away they'd start, 'N' ev'ry feller 'tween here 'n' town W'd give her road when she started roun'.

Th' deacon's gal had eyes ez blue Ez mam's indigo bag when the washin's thro', Lips wuz red 'n' cheeks wuz brown, 'N' hair in a mess wuz allers down; Crackin's gal for miles about Wuz 'Liz'buth Jane w'thout a doubt, 'N' many a feller blamed meller grew, When he ketched a look from them eyes of blue.

When young Al Winters com' out our way, W'th nuthin' to do th' live-long day, But drive thet Wilkes mare 'long th' roads 'N' pass us fellers a-haulin' loads. Why, th' gals got crazy, 'n' ev'ry one Jes' lay fer him w'th a smile fer a gun,

'Cept Liz'buth Jane, who druv Andy Rein To town each day 'n' back again. 'Nso' one morn when Al wuz out Injoyin' hiself 'n' joggin' about, He heerd a noise back to hiz right, 'N' the deacons gal huy into sight. He spoke to hiz mare, 'n' Liz'buth Jane Jes' tightened her grip on Andy Rein. They caught th' gravel—it wuz a race With both of 'em goin' et a killin' pace. But the road cart owner wuz up to snuff; She drove like Geers when he's out fer stuff;

'N' foot by foot the colt's stride told, 'Til Winters wuz left plum out in th' cold.

"Meet you in town in a couple of weeks," Th' gal flung back w'th blazin' cheeks, 'N' Al slowed down to a fox walk jog, 'N' looked like a feller caught in a fog.

They say he met her in town thet day, 'N' raisin' hiz hat in hiz dude-like way, He up 'n' ast her to be hiz wife, 'N' let him drive Andy Rein fer life. A flush crept up in th' cheeks of brown, Th' blue cyes sought th' friendly groun', "Prove thet yo're manly in act 'n' name, 'N' maybe th' marc'll beat Andy Rein." 'N' sumhew, I guess, he's found a way, Fer I pass't 'em out on the pike to-day; Th' flea-bit colt 'n' th' trim Wilkes mare Were hooked together—'n' odd-matched pair.

Al wuz drivin', while clost et hiz side Wuz a blue-eyed gal—the deacon's pride. But mam declares "thet jes' the same, It wuz all the doin's of Andy Rein."

G. U.

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JOHN M. HARLAN,  
Associate Justice of the Supreme  
Court.

### THE DEAD LANGUAGE DIPLOMA.

THE class that is to graduate from the law department this spring, at a recent meeting, it is understood, passed a resolution calling upon the faculty to have their diplomas printed in English, instead of Latin, as has been the rule from time immemorial. The act will no doubt be viewed with alarm and distrust by those gentleman who have spent a life time believing that a diploma printed in a dead language, an instrument that at times worries its creator to properly translate, and is as much a sealed page to the masses, as the hieroglyphics on the obelisk in Central Park, New York, was the only fitting evidence to give the world that a man was acquainted with the rule in Shelly's case, and in other ways knew a legal hawk from a handsaw. It has taken some courage on the part of the class of '96 to take the plunge, but now that the chill is off and they are found to float, no doubt others will be bold enough to repeat the act.

The passing of Latin and Greek as the great studies of a thorough university education has been one of the remarkable advances in the last half century. Gradually the great universities are making both languages elective studies, and the time will come when the necessary preparatory education, now required by Yale and Harvard will be done away with. In the language department German and French will be given greater leeway, and the "great mental drill" supposed to be the birthright of the student of Latin, will be obtained in the fields of more exact sciences. The speech of Charles Francis Adams some few years since, in which he disabused the college mind of a number of false ideas concerning these two studies, was regarded by many in the light of heresy, and yet to-day compared to the sentiments we find in nearly every educational journal, the sentences that rang then with the fire of advance and revolution, seem almost mild and apologetic. We no longer study the dead languages to secure beautiful construction or gems of thought, and the statement of a well known American that he never found in all of his study of Latin or Greek but one expression worth remembering, and that was "the multitudinous music of the sea" is finding many who believe that there is more truth than poetry in it, and you must admit that there seems to be plenty of poetry in the quotation. It will always be admitted that a proper amount of time spent in the study of the old Latin and Greek classics, will, what no other work can do, ground the mind in formation and derivative nature of the words we use. But the other stock arguments, "beauty of literature," "wealth of fancy," "loftiness of theme" with which the undergraduate has always been subdued and awed in the past, are to-day advanced with no assurance of success, for the seed of heresy has spread and even the young minds are successfully challenging the statement. If the time that has been spent in burning oil deciphering the meaning of Horace, Homer, Vergil, et al, had been employed in digesting the truth of the German and the French masters, we would be better informed and less grooved than we are, as a people, to-day.

The doing away with the Latin diploma, unless in the case of gentlemen who have put in six years becoming master of the language, is a common sense move. Let the professional man have a diploma on the walls of his office that he can read and understand.

### The Modern Maid and the Bio-Chemist.

A bio-chemist loved a maid  
In pure actinic ways;  
This is a picture of his heart  
Made by the cathode rays,

The waves emergent from her eyes  
Set symphonies afloat,  
These modulations simply struck  
His fundamental note.

No longer could he hide his love,  
Nor cultures could he make,  
And so he screwed his courage up  
And thus to her he spake,

"Oh maid of undulations sweet,  
Inoculate my veins,  
And fill my thirsty arteries up  
With amorous ptomaines.

"In vain to try to break this thrall,  
In vain my reason fights,  
My inner self tempestuous tempts  
With microcosmic mites.

"I cannot offer you a crown  
Of gold, I cannot tell  
Of terrapin or wine for us,  
But rations balanced well.

"A little fat just now and then,  
Some carbohydrates sweet,  
And gluten in the bakers' bread,  
Are what we'll have to eat.

"The days will pass in rapture by,  
With antitoxine frills,  
And on our Guinea pigs we'll try  
The cures for all our ills.

"O! maiden fair, wilt thou be mine?  
Come give me but one kiss,  
And dwell forever blessed with me,  
In symbiotic bliss."

This maiden modest up to date,  
Eschewed domestic strife;  
In mocking accents she replied,  
"Wat t'ell, not on your life."

H. W. W.

## HO! FOR MOTT HAVEN.

### THE WORK OF BRINGING OUT A PRIZE WINNING TEAM BEGUN.

Auspicious Meeting of the Athletes  
Tuesday Evening:—Captains and  
Managers elected.

On the evening of February 18, a meeting of Columbian Students was held in the Reception Room for the purpose of organizing a Track Athletic Association. Mr. Barrett called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock, and was formally elected temporary chairman. Mr. Cockerell proposed that all present should consider themselves members of the Association. This motion was put to vote and carried. The following were then nominated for Captain: Messrs. Cockerell, Schade and Cabrera. Mr. Cabrera was unanimously elected. There were a number of names proposed for Manager, but finally ballots were prepared for Messrs. Campbell and Ward. Mr. Ward received

the majority of votes cast, and was therefore declared elected. The meeting adjourned soon after. Mr. Cockerell was elected to the Executive Committee, consisting of Manager William K. Ward and Captain Chas. T. Cabrera.

The following letter from the new manager is self explanatory :

**EDITOR OF THE CALL:** I am pleased to state that the Columbian Track Athletic Association has been organized with Mr. Chas. T. Cabrera as Captain, and myself as Manager. We would like all those students who want to join the team to give their names to Mr. Cabrera or myself, as soon as possible, in order that we make arrangements for training, etc., at an early date. We are looking forward to a bright future, and with the proper support can send a team to the inter-collegiate games at Mott Haven and elsewhere worthy of the orange and blue. To do this we must not only have good material, but also money. For this purpose a number of subscription blanks have been distributed in the different departments of the University, which we hope you will procure of any of the following men: Messrs. Grier and Campbell of the Medical School; Messrs. Barrett and Sioussa of the Corcoran Scientific School; Mr. Concklin of the Dental School; Messrs. Walker and Johnson of the Law School; Messrs. Fuggett and Patten of the College; and Mr. Lanza of the Academy. After receiving your blank please fill it out, and send it with the amount of the subscription to

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## Society Doings.

### Debating Society.

The debating society met in the lecture hall at the usual hour with the president in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The question for debate was: *Resolved*, "That this Government should own and operate the railroads and telegraph lines of the country." On account of the adoption of this question on short notice it was necessary to secure volunteer speakers. Messrs Davis, Bliss and Riddleberger, supported the affirmative and Alden, English and Coleman opposed. Messrs Gray, Fulk and Sanford, were

The following question was adopted for debated on March 21st next: "Resolved That, Christian nations should interfere to protect the Armenians."

Mr. Calvert offered an amendment to the by-laws which was read and will be acted on at the next regular meeting.

Messrs Spellman and Coleman were appointed a committee to endeavor to secure decorations for the hall on the occasion of the fourth public debate. On motion Society adjourned.

### Hermesian.

There was a large attendance at last Friday's meeting, a good thing to see. C. H. Holmead rendered a report from the committee on archives, and President

## University News.

### College News.

We quote the following announcement from the *Youth's Companion*: "The leading story appropriate for Washington Birthday, is entitled, "Sophronia Baker," and is written by Miss Mable Nelson Thurston, a young graduate of Columbian University, who is already well known to our readers under the pen name of Dorothy E. Nelson."

Miss Thurston is a resident of Washington and known to many of our collegiates. She was one of the "Original Thirteen," and vice president of class of '92.

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appointed judges. The debate was interesting and instructive, the speeches, although extemporeaneous, being all good, well delivered and worthy of the close attention they received.

On conclusion of the regular debate Messrs. Symons, Linkins, Moore, Flanney, Underwood and Dalton took part in the general debate.

On vote of the Society on the merits of the question the sides each received eleven votes. The judges found two for the negative and one for the affirmative.

The Society then proceeded to the election of speakers on the fourth public debate with the following result, A. A. Davis and L. M. Jordan of the P. G., F. H. Moore and F. C. Bliss of the senior, and W. L. English and Benj. Martin, Jr., of the junior class.

On motion of Mr. Coleman the date of the fifth public debate was fixed as March 14th.

Van Auken one from the executive committee. Mr. A. C. Morgan went through the newly-adopted yet old manner of initiation of a new member. On suggestion of Mr. Holmead the society very gratefully accepted from a last years committee the Hermesian Flag, a swallow-tailed blue and yellow one bearing the letter H. An attempt was made to charge the sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Holmead, with dereliction of duty, but for some reason the articles were not even allowed to be preferred. While this may be construed as a sign that the charges were not unfounded, Mr. Lanza, the originator of the charges, interprets it the other way and extends his apologies to Mr. Holmead with the best of good feeling.

The society adjourned without hearing the essays read.

There was an interesting lecture last Tuesday week, and another last Tuesday, by Mr. Charles Tilden Sempers, head of University Extension. This course is on "The English Romantic Poets." Mr. Sempers has been added to the force of teachers at the Academy. His work is the correction and criticism of essays and the instruction of two of the English Classes.

Mr. B. F. Jacobs, a prominent Baptist of Chicago, was present in Chapel last Monday morning and talked at some length to the students. His discourse was varied and interesting. Mr. Jacobs is identified with the International Sunday School Quarterly interests.

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### Medical Notes.

There's a rythmical stamping of medical feet,  
Which is given with vim and with zest,  
And there's strength in the voices that often repeat;  
There is rest; there is rest; yes, there is rest.

"Doctor Prentiss writes that ever since he left Washington he has been steadily improving," said Doctor Morgan to the representative of the CALL. Continuing he stated:

"He is at present in Bermuda, but fully expects to return home, completely restored to health, in time to resume his duties in the fall."

Doctor Morgan then went on to say that Dr. Prentiss, through his correspondence, was in close touch with matters connected with the University; being especially interested in keeping posted as to the progress of the students in his particular branch—*Materia Medica*.

While the first year students will be glad to welcome Dr. Prentiss in good, medical-student fashion next fall, they will regret to no longer be able to have the pleasure of listening to Dr. Morgan, whose popularity is fully demonstrated by the ovation he receives upon entering the lecture room.

Speaking of Dr. Morgan, we regret to state that his name was omitted from the list (published in a recent number of the CALL) of Harvard Alumni who are serving the Columbian University.

Dr. Johnson is lecturing on the nervous system at present. He will probably devote the remaining portion of the term to this subject.

Dr. Shute delivered an interesting lecture on "Organic Cell; The Visible Units of Life" at the 15th and H street building, at 4:30 p. m. on the 14th instant; being introduced by Dr. Whitman. Among other things, he explained the different kinds of organic cells, increasing the interest of speech by the aid of diagrams. The understanding of the theory of heredity, he said, rested on an understanding of germ and body cells. He went on to explain the terms "karyokinesis," "metabolism," etc., and then went into the consideration of the structure of a cell, and the properties of protoplasm.

Dan has toted up the last stiff from the vat, and the chances are it will be unnecessary to secure any more this season. There are thirteen at present in the dissecting room.

Dr. J. Ford Thompson performed a difficult operation, successfully at Garfield Hospital on the 8th instant. It consisted in the excision of the sac of a popliteal aneurysm, and it is one

which is very seldom undertaken. The patient is getting along nicely.

Why does not the man with the brown mustach continue to sit on the only availahle chair in the hall, between lectures?

By way of impressing the peculiar effects of Cannabis Indica upon the junior mind, the lecturer on Materia Medica recently read two graphic accounts, written by former students of the Medical Department, who had taken the drug out of curiesity. The mental vagaries noted by these gentlemen were exceedingly interesting.

Dr. Craig ('95) just dropped in the other evening to see how things were going.

Dr. J. Ford Thompson has discontinued his every night lectures, and gone back to the old schedule of two lectures a week.

Dan regaled a few of the students in the dissecting room, not many nights ago, as he thoughtfully dropped remains down a hole in a corner, prior to their burial in Potter's field, by telling of experiences accruing from his medial college work. As Dan has been at the college for fifteen years, he has a goodly supply of facts on hand. Facts weird and gruesome, which would make his Ethiopian brethren shiver and quake and grow cold with fear. But Dan don't care. Dan's hardened. He "aint seen no ghosts, nor spirits, nor nothin," and, what's more, he thinks "one live man am equal to one hundred dead men."

Mr. Grubbs has not yet recovered his bicycle, which disappeared some time ago from the front of the Medicinal Department. He has evidently given up hope of obtaining it again, at least in the near future, for he has purchased another one.

One of these evenings, when the rorulent glow of the setting sun has vanished afar into the western lullaby land, and the deepening twilight softly fades to somber night, an evil-minded, grims-handed son of toil will abduct, in a wholesale fashion, all available "wheels" situated in front of the Medical Department. One has gone and "there are others."

#### Law Note.

C. Vanmetre Gates, of whom mention was made in last week's CALL, in Wednesday of last week, made his initial bow to a Washington audience as a Dramatic reader. Mr. Gates is a member of the junior class of the Law School.

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#### Dental Dots.

Dr. H. A. Jelly of the senior class is experimenting with a new kind of flux instead of borax for soldering. The experiments are being conducted in the laboratory of Dr. R. E. L. Wiltberger. We wish the doctor much success.

We missed the genial presence of our able professor, Dr. Lewis, on last Thursday, his absence being due, we fear, to his cook having visited the Dental infirmary on that afternoon, thus delaying his dinner beyond the usual hour.

Dr. Thompson is lecturing on the methods of using hard or cohesive, and soft or non-cohesive gold. Next week his lectures will be devoted to the discussion of amalgams.

The Dental Infirmary has been liberally patronized during the past week there being as many patients as could be conveniently accommodated. All dental students should make it a rule to visit the Infirmary during a portion of each day. A little can be learned upon each visit.

Senior dentals are earnestly requested to be prompt in submitting their personal history to the class historian.

The senior dental class has been considerably exercised over the possibility of a general commencement this year, and have requested the dental faculty to accord them a separate commencement. There are a number of the prospective graduates who live at a distance and if compelled to remain over awaiting the general commencement would be forced to incur additional expenses or if they went home would be compelled to return at further expense. When the general commencement exercises do occur we hope the smaller departments will be allowed to graduate first.

#### Academy.

Prof. A. P. Montague's speech on "Roman Characters" was greeted with such enthusiastic applause last Friday, and the professor himself was so warmly greeted, as must have warmed the cockles of his heart, so to speak, at any rate it showed his immense popularity at the Academy, with which he was associated for twenty years.

The senior class association held a meeting Monday the 10th inst., to attempt to settle the pin-matter one way or the other. Nevertheless the meeting was adjourned with no result whatever, after a long session. There was one re-

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The reports have been sent out. They are not merely examination

Lanza, together with Brown and Chambers of '95, have arranged for a pleasant wheel trip on the 22d. This affair promises a good deal of enjoyment and will probably be the first step towards forming an athletic association.

There promises to be some competition from our ranks for that Sons of the Revolution Society's medal for the best essay on the campaign and battles of Trenton and Princeton, inasmuch as the same subject has been assigned to the whole school. Essays must not exceed 1500 words in length and

finished, with green rims and peculiar raised handle-bars, No. 29,822, "Eclipse" make, and could be easily recognizable anywhere, as there are few like it, but it seems that the man was traced to the Union Depot, where he took a Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York train, so the wheel is probabtly not in the city.

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reports but the term mark has also been included in them.

R. N. Gwynn and Wallace Richie were among the absent last week.

Holmead, Lanza, Mason and Sterrett were among those who enjoyed Prof. Sempers' lecture on Tuesday, at the University Hall.

This Friday, Prof. Wilbur will deliver an address on George Washington, an appropriate subject for the time. The professor has a good idea of the fitness of things.

Quite a number of boys, including Everett, Spear, Swassatt and

are due March 10th. Further particulars can be obtained from the faculty.

*Warning!* It is unsafe for wheels to be left outside the building on the grass plot unless properly locked. Last Wednesday, Cabrera's wheel was stolen from the enclosure before the nine o'clock had rung, by a man with a sandy mustache. He was observed to walk in very coolly, take out the wheel and ride off on it, without exciting any suspicion whatever.

It was an instance of that bold effrontery which so often proves successful. The wheel was brown

## Theatre Talk.

Patrons of the National will recognize a welcome visitor in the coming of Charles Hoyt's farce comedy "A Trip to Chinatown." The engagement will be noticeable for more than one reason. The play holds the record of having had a longer run in the metropolis than any other production, no matter how elaborate, that has ever been seen in the city of New York. The presentation to be seen at the National is identical with that given in New York. Not only does it embrace the same cast, but every particle of scenery and properties, in fact everything down to the minutest detail is brought to this city for this engagement. The cast is the same including Harry. Conor as "Well and Strong," Madge Deane, Harry Gilfoil, Richard Karl, Jose Shalders, George Richards, Geraldine McCann, Myra Morella and Saharet.

"A Trip to Chinatown," it is safe to predict, will more than repeat its success of last year.

"Little Christopher," which will be seen at Allen's Grand, on Feb. 24th, is one of the few solid successes of the present road season. It is a bright and fascinating hodge podge of clever comedy, tuneful melody and diverting specialties. The clever comedian, Willie Collier, who now appears as O'Hooligan, the Irish detective, has lifted the fun particularly of the first act wonderfully. Theresa Vaughn plays "Little Christopher" as it never has been played and sings and dances delightfully, and with her dainty, charming specialties, invariably wins encore after encore. Another big hit is made by John Wilson, the very funny tramp, assisted by Bertha Waring. Yolande Wallace looks prettier than ever as does Pauline Train, while Alexander Clark and Louise Allen as the Bay and the Jay prove irresistably funny. All the bewilderingly beautiful scenic costumes, light and color effects that helped the piece to its long run of 282 nights in New York last winter.

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